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LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you about the recent incidents in Kosova which have led to an extremely dangerous situation there. Thus, several explosions occurred on 14 June between 9.30 and 10 a.m., in several places of Gjakova, a big town of Kosova, in the "Borsi Kidriq" Street, between the "Mallom Kepuska" elementary school and the Catholic Church building. Traces of these explosions were found at the terrace of the elementary school premises, where Albanian pupils were attending classes. At the same time shots were heard from the nearby Çabrati hills, where the Serbian military has been deployed. This incident, which, beyond any doubt, was caused by certain Serbian extremist groups, has increased fear and tension in the area which is populated only by Albanians. The Albanian political parties and associations of Gjakova declared in a statement made after the incident, that violence against Albanians "has reached its climax and their patience is coming to an end".

Yesterday, early in the morning, about 4:00 hrs., heavy Serbian police forces besieged the Gllanaselle village, municipality of Gllogovc, where another dangerous incident happened one month ago. Some 60 Serb policemen, in police vehicles, began the home-raids as they entered the village. Thus, 12 Albanian households were subject to rough and thorough police search, carried out as usual under the pretext of arms search. The operation which went on till 7:00 hrs., resulted in broken doors and house furniture, in heavily beaten Albanians and in finding a hunting rifle held with due permission.

Yesterday another incident occurred in Prishtina, the capital of Kosova. An explosion broke out and an Albanian woman who was severely wounded as a result of the explosion died, thus increasing the death toll of Albanians caused by the Serbian aggression.

Such incidents are happening while the Serbian military presence in the area is being increased with every passing day and the demonstration of force throughout Kosova has enhanced tension there. These incidents are a new escalation of violence carried out by the Serbian occupation regime against the unprotected Albanian people of Kosova. Evidently, the present situation in Kosova is bringing that country to the brink of an open bloody conflict against Albanians in Kosova, a conflict which is being deliberately prepared by Serbs.

Being aware of the explosive situation and of the possibility of the spillover of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina to Kosova and of its consequences for the whole region, Albania has repeatedly asked the Security Council to take appropriate measures, including the deployment of the United Nations troops in Kosova, aiming at preventing the conflict in that region.

The Republic of Albania once again draws the attention of the Security Council on its reiterated demands to timely consider the undertaking of appropriate preventive measures in Kosova.

I would be grateful, Mr. President, if you could kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thanas SHKURTI
Ambassador
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